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157-698
K.T. Blackwell

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (157-698)

DATE:

5/24/77

FROM : SA Edward A. Shea

SUBJECT: R.T. Blackwell

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As per instructions of a court order in the case captioned "BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1185 and SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1186", the following serials have been removed from this file and sent to FBIHQ for inclusion in the National Archives:

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King Jr. Memorial Service

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 15, 1970

On January 15, 1970, a commemorative service was held for Rev. King at the Ebenezer Church. It is noted a program distributed at this service reflected the names of the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center. Among the names indicated appeared the following: Randolph Blackwell, C. T. Vivian, Harry Belafonte, Harry Wachtel, and Stanley Levinson. It is also noted that Harry Wachtel was indicated to be legal advisor.

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Date: 10/24/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108052) & (100-442529)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6351) & (100-6670) (P)

SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING
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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 8 copies, for WFO and New York three copies each, of an LHM prepared at FBI, Atlanta, dated and captioned as above, and suitable for dissemination.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted] information from whom must be classified confidential.

Sources used to characterize HARRY WACHTEL are [redacted] and Anonymous Source of WFO set out in report of SA JOHN J. WALSH, 7/19/50, at WFO re "NLG; IS - C". Sources used to characterize RANDOLPH BLACKWELL are [redacted] and [redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (RM) (Encs. 9)
- 3 - WFO (Encs. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - Walter Fauntroy)
- 3 - New York (Encs. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - Harry Wachtel)
- 7 - Atlanta
 - (2 - 100-6351) (Coretta King)
 - (2 - 100-6670) (CIRM)

- (1 - 157-698) (R. T. Blackwell)
- (1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

October 24, 1969

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CORETTA SCOTT KING
RACIAL MATTER

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On October 23, 1969, a confidential source advised he understood that on October 22, 1969, Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), met with Walter Fauntroy, SCLC Representative, Washington, D.C., Randolph T. Blackwell, former Program Director, SCLC, and Harry Wachtel. This meeting was held in Atlanta Headquarters of SCLC. Source was unable to furnish any further details.

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3-WFO

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RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, a confidential source furnished information which revealed that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding HARRY WACHTEL's wife, LEONORA, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed her name and address were on a list of names of newly-elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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Title CORETTA SCOTT KING;
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character RACIAL MATTERS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-6009)

8/29/69

SAC, ATLANTA (157-3849) (RUC)

FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
RM

Re Charlotte letter to Atlanta, dated 6/30/69.

Records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Georgia, as furnished by the office of Mr. T. A. KING (Protect) reflect the following concerning subscribers to telephone numbers as set out in referenced letter:

524-5884 - POSEY LOMBARD, 39 Chestnut Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, employed Southern Teachers and Education Association as Assistant Director. The phone was connected 7/21/67. Atlanta files reflect LOMBARD is a white female. She had been an associate of H. RAP BROWN in the past and reported to be formerly associated with SNCC, but no longer associated with that organization. LOMBARD participated in the 9th World Youth Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria, as a member of a 73 member American Delegation, 7/25 through 8/6/68. LOMBARD reportedly traveled to Cuba on 12/16/68 as a member of a delegation composed of 16 American medical students.

524-9003 - A pay station at Paschal Motor Hotel, 830 Hunter Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia. Paschal Motor Hotel is a Negro hotel and restaurant, commonly frequented by members of SNCC and other militant Negro organizations.

523-6146 - Not currently an operating number, but formerly assigned to the Southern Rural Action Program, 220 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia. The current number of that organization as of 7/8/69

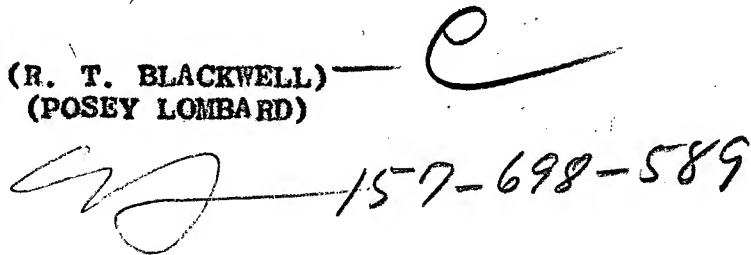
2 - Charlotte (RM)

③ - Atlanta (1 - 157-3849)

① - 157-698) (R. T. BLACKWELL)

(1 - 157-3444) (POSEY LOMBARD)

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AT 157-3849

is 523-5891. Telephone records reflect telephone bills are to be sent to R. T. BLACKWELL at the above address. Atlanta records reflect R. T. BLACKWELL to be identical with RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL who was formerly associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta and currently on leave of absence while working with the Southern Rural Action Program. Atlanta files further reflect BLACKWELL was formerly a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia and attended a Labor Youth League Convention, 8/13/50 at Durham, North Carolina. He is identical with Charlotte file 100-6347.

523-1117 - K. Z. CHAVIS, 635 Fair Street, S. W., Apt. C-16, Atlanta, Georgia, employed Leadership Development Program (Ford Foundation). Phone was connected 12/18/68. Atlanta indices are negative concerning CHAVIS.

876-3779 - Leadership Development Program, 805 Peachtree Street, Room 571, phone connected 5/30/68.

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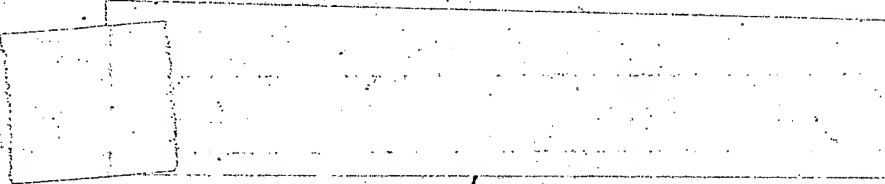
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March 13, 1969

At the SCLC Executive Staff retreat March 10-11, 1969, Randolph Blackwell attended on March 11, 1969, and discussed some points~~s~~ related to the material presented by Norman G. Kurland.



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Date: 3/17/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

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Bufile 100-438794CIRM
Atlanta File 100-6670
Bufile 100-442529Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight
copies and for WFO two copies of LHM.Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted]
information from whom must be classified confidential.
Source utilized to characterize RANDOLPH BLACKWELL is [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM)
- 2 - WFO (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 6 - Atlanta (1 - 100-5718)
- (1 - 100-6670)

- (1 - 157-257) (R. ABERNATHY)
- (1 - 157-621) (A. YOUNG)
- (1 - 157-698) (RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL)

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March 17, 1969

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
IN
RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A confidential source advised on March 13, 1969, he understood that the Executive Staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held a retreat March 10, 1969 through March 11, 1969 at Paschal Motor Hotel, Atlanta, which was presided over by Ralph D. Abernathy, President, SCLC.

On March 11, 1969, Norman G. Kurland, a representative of the Institute for the Study of Economic Systems, Washington, D.C., lectured on the "two-factor economic theory and the second income plan". Randolph T. Blackwell, former Program Director, SCLC, currently a "consultant" to SCLC also spoke regarding some facets of the material presented by Kurland.

Arrangements for Kurland to appear at this retreat were made by Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC, in order that SCLC might be acquainted with the nature of the "second income plan" and possibly consider implementation thereof at some future date. No decision in this respect was made at the retreat.

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RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

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A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Atlanta, Georgia

March 17, 1969

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta,
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

10/31/68

SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4070) (P*)

CIRM

(OO: New York)
(Bufile 100-442529)

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 8/30/68.

Photographs of R. T. BLACKWELL and HUNTER PITTS ODELL were shown to ME 338-R(Ghetto) on 9/18/68 and to Rev. SAMUEL BILLY KYLES, Memphis Convener, SCLC, on 10/3/68, both of whom covered major portions of the August, 1968, SCLC Convention in Memphis. On 10/15/68 photographs were shown to KAY PITTMAN BLACK, Reporter, Memphis "Press-Scimitar" newspaper, who covered much of the Convention, and to Detective BEN WHITNEY and Lt. E. E. REDDITT, Negro officers of the Memphis Police Department, who offered security at the convention.

None of the above recognized either R. T. BLACKWELL or HUNTER PITTS ODELL as having been in attendance at the SCLC Convention.

2 - New York (RM)
④ - Atlanta (RM) (100-6670)
 (1 - SCLC)
 (1 - 157-698, RANDOLPH BLACKWELL)
 (1 - 100-6078, HUNTER PITTS ODELL)
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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670) (P)
 SUBJECT: CIRM
 OO: New York

Enclosed for Birmingham and Memphis is one photograph each of R. T. BLACKWELL and HUNTER PITTS O'DELL.

A booklet captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" distributed by SCLC during its 11th annual convention, 8/14-17/68, Memphis, Tennessee, set forth purported program during the convention.

The aforementioned booklet for the morning of 8/15/68 scheduled a panel captioned "New Life for Poor People". Indicated among the participants in this panel was RANDOLPH BLACKWELL. During the afternoon of 8/16/68 a panel entitled "New Life for Poor People" was scheduled and among the names of those scheduled to participate appeared that of JACK O'DELL.

RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, former Program Director, SCLC, and currently Project Director Southern Rural Action Project of the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty, Atlanta, is characterized in 1953 as having

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 2-Birmingham (Enc. 2) (RM)
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 2-New York (Enc. 2) (RM)

①-Atlanta (1-100-6679)

(1-100-5718)

(1-157-698) (RANDOLPH BLACKWELL)

(1-100-6078) (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL)

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been a member of the Communist Party, District of Columbia and having attended a LYL convention in 1950 at Durham, North Carolina.

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK O'DELL, is characterized as having been considered by the Communist Party as a member of its national committee in 1962.

Due to illness [redacted] was not present during the entire SCLC convention. On 8/29/68 informant advised he did observe BLACKWELL briefly during part of the SCLC convention and believes this probably was on 8/15/68. He could not advise as to BLACKWELL's actual participation in the convention. This source is not currently acquainted with O'DELL.

The photographs of BLACKWELL and O'DELL enclosed herewith contain descriptive data on the reverse side thereof. Birmingham is requested to exhibit the photographs of BLACKWELL and O'DELL to [redacted] and [redacted]. Memphis will exhibit these photographs to ME 338-R (Ghetto) in effort to determine whether these sources can place BLACKWELL and/or O'DELL at the SCLC convention.

The enclosed photograph of O'DELL has been copied from a photograph furnished by New York letter to AT 9/24/62 captioned "HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, IS - C; ISA 50". In the event New York currently has a more up-to-date photograph of O'DELL, a copy thereof should be promptly forwarded Birmingham, Memphis and also Atlanta.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Re R. T. Blackwell</u>		File where original is located if not attached <div>FOIA(b) (7) - (D)</div>

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September 19, 1968

With reference to \$5,000 recently furnished by SCLC to Randolph Blackwell it is understood this money was furnished Blackwell to cover some expenses of the Southern Rural Action Project which organization has not been currently funded. In addition, Blackwell has currently requested \$25,000 from SCLC to be used in connection with the establishment of a brick company in the Marks, Mississippi area.

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8/29/68

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Brief description of activity or material

RT. Blackwell at SCCC
 Convention

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Remarks: Files marked with asterisk indicate that person attended meeting only and no copy of informant report being placed in that file

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August 29, 1968

RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL was observed briefly
in attendance at the SCLC 11th annual convention.

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1-100-3718 (SCLC)

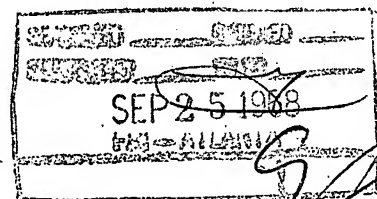
1-157-698 (R.T. Blackwell)

1-100-6670 (CIRM)

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September 12, 1968

Recently SCLC furnished \$5,000 to Randolph Blackwell for the purpose of establishing a brickmaking business in Marks, Mississippi. Foundation money was utilized for this purpose.

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FBI

Date: 9/23/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670) (P)
SUBJECT: CIRM

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM to Bureau 9/17/68
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Enclosed for Bureau is original and seven
copies of LHM and for Jackson one copy of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is
[redacted] information from whom must be classified
~~Confidential~~.

Informant advised the information set forth
in the enclosed LHM was obtained by him on 9/16/68
during conversation with BLACKWELL.

Sources used to characterize RANDOLPH T.
BLACKWELL are [redacted] and [redacted].

3-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
1-Jackson (Enc. 1) (RM)
④-Atlanta (1-100-5718)
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(1-100-6670)
(1-157-698) (BLACKWELL)

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Atlanta, Georgia
September 23, 1968

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On September 19, 1968, confidential source advised Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was interested in having Randolph T. Blackwell assist in organizing a brickmaking business in the vicinity of Marks, Mississippi. The object of the venture on the part of SCLC is to create employment for Negroes in the Marks area and eventually permit ownership and operation of this organization by members of the Marks Negro community.

In order to commence necessary arrangements for the business BLACKWELL recently requested \$25,000 from SCLC.

With reference to BLACKWELL, source pointed out he formerly served as Program Director, SCLC, until the latter part of 1966 at which time BLACKWELL left SCLC on a leave of absence to become Director in Atlanta, Georgia of the Southern Rural Action Project (SRAP) of the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty.

It was source's current understanding the SRAP is not presently financially solvent. As a consequence SCLC recently furnished BLACKWELL with approximately \$5,000 for the purpose of meeting some financial obligations of the SRAP.

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670) (P)
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Enclosed for the Bureau is original and seven copies of LHM, for Jackson two copies, and for Chicago and New York one copy each of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted] information from whom must be classified Confidential.

Sources used to characterize RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL are [redacted] and [redacted] and source used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is NY-694-S*.

Enclosed LHM classified Secret because it utilizes information furnished by NY-694-S*.

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On September 12, 1968, a confidential source advised Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) recently made available to RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, former Program Director, SCLC, \$5,000. This money representing funds of the Southern Christian Leadership Foundation (SCLF) was furnished to BLACKWELL in order for him to establish a brick making business in Marks, Mississippi, as a means of affording employment to Negroes in that area.

Source has previously advised the SCLF located in Chicago, Illinois is a "tax arm" of SCLC which was organized through the cooperation of CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, SCLC legal counselor, and STANLEY LEVISON.

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. LEVISON was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted]

Sources utilized to characterize RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL are [redacted] and [redacted], C. K. STEELE, [redacted] Council Joint Legislated Committee on UnAmerican Activities for the State of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (by request); ROSEA WILLIAMS, [redacted], and HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are NY-694-S* and [redacted] (X) J

Enclosed LHM is classified Secret because it utilizes information from NY-694-S*. (X) U

One copy of the enclosed LHM is being furnished by separate communication to 111th MIG, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, pursuant to that agency's previously expressed interest in the recent SCLC convention.

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Communist Infiltration of
Southern Christian
Leadership Conference
Internal Security - C

A confidential source on August 19, 1968,
furnished the following information.

On August 14, 1968, the 11th annual
convention of the Southern Christian Leadership
Conference (SCLC) commenced in Memphis, Tennessee,
with registration of delegates at the Memphis
affiliate of SCLC, 531 South Parkway East. At
approximately 8 p.m. a "Black Art and Culture"
exhibit was held at the Paradise Club, 645 East
Georgia Avenue. The opening formalities of this
exhibit were participated in by Rev. C. K. STEELE,
from Tallahassee, Florida, First Vice President, SCLC.

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, President, SCLC,
then briefly explained why Memphis had been selected
as the location of this convention, reviewed
accomplishments and cited future objectives of SCLC.

On August 15, 1968, ABERNATHY delivered
his annual report to the convention at a meeting held
at 531 South Parkway East. In this report he
expressed appreciation for assistance and guidance
rendered to him subsequent to April 4, 1968 by members
of the SCLC Executive Board, SCLC Executive Staff
and others. Among those referred to by ABERNATHY

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were C. K. STEELE and HOSEA WILLIAMS, Director, Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC.

ABERNATHY then spoke of the aspirations of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., former President, SCLC, and the organization's intention to carry out the dreams of Rev. KING. He cited efforts of the news media to divide and confuse SCLC since the death of Rev. KING. ABERNATHY declared "we" will never be divided because "we" stand together like a solid rock."

ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Vice President, SCLC, also addressed the convention. He referred to the constant poverty experienced by Negroes and declared poverty is a tool of the white power structure aimed at destruction of the Negro. YOUNG said while "we" do not condone violence the system under which "we" live causes violence. Violence, he pointed out, could be stopped by proper leadership on the part of "white America."

RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, former Program Director, SCLC, spoke of SCLC economic activities. He referred to successful efforts of SCLC to establish three factories in the vicinity of Crawfordville and Talbotton, Georgia, which currently provide employment for Negroes.

Activity of the convention on August 15, 1968, culminated with a banquet held at the Paradise Club. CORETTA SCOTT KING, widow of Rev. KING, during the course of the banquet spoke of her husband's hopes and efforts to save America from destruction.

On August 16, 1968, a convention business session was held at 531 Soth Parkway East during the course of which it was announced that ABERNATHY would continue to serve SCLC as President.

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C. K. STEELE

In June, 1965, a confidential source made available records relating to a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 16, 1965. Rev. C. K. STEELE was identified as having attended a meeting of the Board of Directors on this date.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party Functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

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A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 8, 1966, that during the time that the SCHW was in existence members of the Communist Party were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF, Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

CARL BRADEN and ANNE BRADEN, Director and Associate Director respectively of the SCEF, were identified by ALBERTA ANHEARN, 2311 Payne, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, on December 13, 1954, in her testimony in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Court in the prosecution of CARL BRADEN under a state sedition statute as members of the Communist Party in Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

A third source advised on May 28, 1965, that GEORGE MEYERS, a Communist Party functionary, expressed great admiration for CARL and ANNE BRADEN and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that the SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 8, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read. *PS U*

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee. (S) ✓

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him. (S) ✓

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August 23, 1968

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Source who furnished information in June, 1965 used to characterize C. K. STEELE. This source has furnished both reliable and unreliable information.

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On June 10, 1968, RALPH ABERNATHY, RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, and TUCKER held a discussion regarding Mobilization plans for June 19, 1968. The precise details of this discussion are not known.

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May 29, 1968
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It is understood that some time prior to Dr. King's death he had requested Randolph Blackwell to assist SCLC with the Poor People's Campaign to the extent of obtaining support from labor unions. To date, no evidence of Blackwell's participation has been observed.

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Sources used to characterize RANDOLPH T.
 BLACKWELL is [redacted] and [redacted]

As a matter of information, [redacted]
 advised the conference referred to in enclosed LHM
 was held preliminary to SCLC executive staff meeting
 in a room of the Pitts Motel, Washington, D. C., and
 appeared to be somewhat informal in nature. TUCKER
 and BLACKWELL conferred with ABERNATHY in the bath
 room of this room while ABERNATHY was in the process
 of taking a bath.

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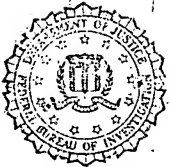
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Atlanta, Georgia
June 17, 1968

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Poor People's Campaign
Racial Matters

On June 12, 1968, a confidential source advised he understood an individual by the last name of TUCKER will handle the organization and coordination of activities for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Poor People's Campaign (PPC) "Mobilization Day" to be held June 19, 1968, in Washington, D. C. TUCKER is a Negro male, with the National Urban League (location not known).

During the early part of June, 1968, TUCKER conferred with RALPH D. ABERNATHY, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, former Program Director, SCLC, regarding PPC activities in Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1968. Source was unable to advise the results of this conference or what specific activities SCLC contemplates in Washington, D. C. on June 19, 1968.

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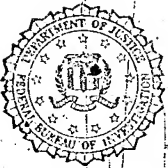
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Atlanta, Georgia
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Poor People's Campaign
Racial Matters

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Source advised he had no knowledge as to what assistance to date Blackwell may have rendered to the PPC.

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December 4, 1967
Atlanta, Georgia

During the week commencing 11/27/67 through 12/2/67 the entire SCLC Headquarters and Field staff attended a retreat at Frogmore, South Carolina. Also in attendance at this retreat was Randolph T. Blackwell, who lectured either on 11/21 or 22/67.

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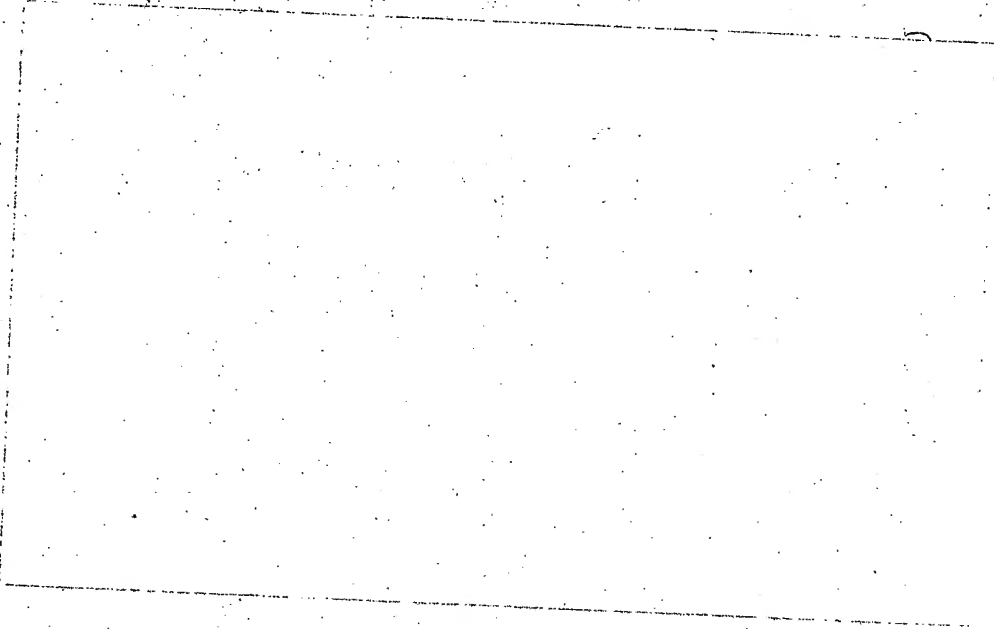
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December 4, 1967
Atlanta, Georgia

During the recent SCLC retreat Randolph T. Blackwell lectured in regard to certain economic matters. During his lecture he was critical of the so-called Black Power Movement. On the occasion of Blackwell's lecture, Cleveland Sellers of SNCC was in attendance. Following Blackwell's criticism of the Black Power Movement Sellers walked out of the retreat.

The circumstances pertaining to Sellers' attendance are not known.



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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau and LHM 11/22/67 and
Atlanta teletype to Bureau 12/5/67 captioned as above.

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copies, for Boston one, for Chicago two, for Cleveland one,
for Columbia one, for Newark one, for New York one, for
Philadelphia one, and for WFO one, of LHM.

Source referred to is [REDACTED] (GHETTO) who
attended the SCLC retreat referred to in the enclosed LHM.

Sources utilized to characterize RANDOLPH BLACKWELL
are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Referenced Atlanta teletype made reference to HOSEA
WILLIAMS, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education,

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(1 - 157-895) (HOSEA WILLIAMS)

(1 - 157-698) (RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL)

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SCLC, being in attendance at the retreat. Information provided by informant indicated that WILLIAMS' participation in the retreat was not of a particular significance and as a consequence, no reference to him has been made in the enclosed LHM.

Informant advised that the SCLC retreat commenced during the afternoon of 11/27/67 and did not terminate until the latter part of the morning 12/2/67.

With reference to the opposition expressed by BEVEL, informant said not only were staff members amazed that he opposed KING but many of them admired the fortitude he exhibited in doing so. As a consequence, BEVEL's position tended to create a state of confusion at the retreat during the latter part of 11/30/67 and forepart of 12/1/67.

As indicated in referenced Atlanta teletype, informant expressed the opinion that to a large extent the retreat was a somewhat magnified repetition of matters presented by KING and discussed during the SCLC Executive Staff meeting held in Atlanta 11/20/67. He said throughout the entire week appreciable time was spent by staff members meeting in committees, groups, or so-called workshops discussing various matters which for the most part were irrelevant to the main purpose of the retreat.

Recipient offices are requested to take particular note of the following paragraph:

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Atlanta, Georgia
December 5, 1967

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On December 4, 1967, a confidential source advised he recently had learned that during the week commencing November 27, 1967, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held a retreat at Penn Center, Frogmore, South Carolina. This retreat was presided over by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, and was attended by approximately 70 individuals comprising the headquarters and field staff of SCLC.

The primary purpose of this retreat was to discuss various facets of SCLC's plan to conduct massive nonviolent demonstrations in Washington, D. C., and possibly a number of other cities during the early part of 1968.

Reverend King outlined this plan to those attending the retreat. He said it had been tentatively decided that in the forepart of February 1968 he, together with other officers of SCLC (not identified) and in all probability leading representatives of other Civil Rights organizations (not identified) would personally present to the Secretary of Labor specific requests for

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prompt Congressional action pertaining to employment or income, housing, education, and other matters which constitute major problems experienced by "ghetto people". In the event these requests do not receive an immediate unequivocal commitment insuring prompt Congressional action an immediate massive nonviolent demonstration would commence in Washington, D. C. This demonstration would be conducted by SCLC and involve adults from all walks of life, including students and school children. If effort is made by civil and/or military authorities to quell this demonstration, simultaneous demonstrations of identical magnitude will commence in ten or fifteen "target cities" throughout the nation.

Source advised he was not aware of the identity of all the "target cities" referred to by Reverend King but understood the following cities were included:

Atlanta, Georgia
Boston, Massachusetts
Chicago, Illinois
Cleveland, Ohio
Newark, New Jersey
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Reverend King explained that during the period prior to early February 1968 one or two SCLC staff members will be assigned to Washington, D. C., and each of the "target cities". It will be the responsibility of these members to select in each community up to 200 individuals who will serve as leaders for demonstrations. The type of individual sought will be unemployed Negro males, whose general economic status is so low they could lose nothing by participating in the proposed demonstrations. After selection of these individuals it will then be the responsibility of the SCLC staff member through mass meetings, workshops, or other procedures to indoctrinate these individuals with SCLC's overall objectives and technique of nonviolent demonstration. Reverend King emphasized that the individuals so selected should be Negroes, however, he said

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once each demonstration is actually commenced the assistance of white persons would definitely be accepted and possibly solicited.

Reverend King acknowledged this program of demonstrations was a very substantial undertaking for SCLC to embark upon. He said it was imperative that SCLC be successful in this undertaking because otherwise not only would it be embarrassed by a failure but failure itself would in a large sense serve as a victory for the "Black Power" groups. In this connection, he said it would be necessary to solicit the cooperation of "Black Power" leaders (not identified) in order that such organizations would permit SCLC to conduct its program without interference. He said he was extremely concerned over the probability that such interference might easily turn any demonstration into a riot. He declared that if such a situation developed in any one of the communities in which SCLC contemplates demonstrating SCLC will immediately cease all its activity in that community.

During the retreat an appreciable number of SCLC staff members expressed doubt that the cooperation of the "Black Power" organizations could be obtained and raised a question as to whether the selection of up to 200 individuals in various communities might not present a most difficult task. Reverend King responded by stating he was most confident he could obtain the desired cooperation of "Black Power" leaders. He said he realized these people did not agree with his methods or the activities of SCLC but is confident they have sufficient respect for him to listen to his requests. He also said he was quite confident that people, after being apprised of SCLC's objectives, will be anxious to assist. Furthermore, he expressed optimism that once the demonstrations commence there will be sufficient sympathy on the part of the general public that SCLC will receive adequate financial support.

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During the early part of the retreat, Randolph T. Blackwell, Former Program Director, SCLC, currently on leave of absence, lectured regarding certain phases of economics as related to the problems of impoverished Negroes. Cleveland Sellers, Former Program Director of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and a current affiliate thereof, was present at the SCLC retreat during Blackwell's lecture. During part of his lecture, Blackwell referred to "Black Power" and stressed that advocates thereof did not have an appropriate solution to current problems of the Negro. Source said he understood that at this point Sellers left the SCLC retreat. Circumstances relating to Sellers' attendance at the SCLC retreat were not known to source.

On November 30, 1967, James Bevel, Former Director of Direct Action, SCLC, currently on leave of absence, spoke to the retreat at considerable length. Bevel strongly opposed and also criticized Reverend King's plan for SCLC demonstrations in Washington, D. C., and other cities. Bevel alleged that emphasis should not be placed on demonstrations for employment or income, housing and education. He declared that emphasis should be placed on demonstrations supporting the Peace Movement and seeking an end to the Viet Nam conflict. Reverend King was visibly angered by Bevel's presentation and source said he understood that Reverend King subsequently voiced opposition to the position taken by Bevel.

Source advised he understood that the majority of SCLC staff members privately expressed amazement that Bevel should openly oppose plans for SCLC activity already outlined by Reverend King.

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RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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September 18, 1967
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Concerning SCLC activity in Atlanta, the recent SCLC retreat at the Airlie House discussed the fact the Negro Power Structure in Atlanta is politically frustrated because it has not been able to move the White Power Structure in regard to the Negro's basic problems which are adequate school facilities, housing, and police brutality. The Negro Power Structure is apprehensive it will shortly lose its following.

Dr. King pointed out that a movement in Atlanta would require SCLC to make very careful and definite plans because not only will it be necessary to move the White Power Structure but opposition will also be met from the rather substantial Conservative Negro Power Structure. He said no substantial activity in Atlanta would be undertaken until he is able to devote his full energies to such activity which will not be until after 11/1/67. He pointed out that prior to this date he will be engaged in a series of SCLC benefit programs in various locations to be conducted with the assistance of Harry Belafonte.

The committee which considered the foregoing matters was chaired by Hosea Williams, and Randolph T. Blackwell also participated therein.

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- 1- 100-7027 (Jessie Jackson)
- 1- 157-1323 (Mu-Song Lee)
- 1- 100-6720 (A.R. Sampson)
- 1- 157-656 (James Vevel)
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September 18, 1967
Atlanta, Georgia

The entire SCLC Executive Staff, together with
Dr. King, held a retreat at the Airlie House 9/12 through
9/17/67. The following individuals also attended this
retreat:

Albert Sampson
Cleveland Robinson
Harry Wachtel
Stanley Levison
Randolph T. Blackwell
Mu-Song Lee
Jessie Jackson
James Bevel
Bernard Lafayette
Bob Brown

Larry Reddick attended on 9/13/67.

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Source referred to is [REDACTED]

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Informant furnished information set forth in enclosed LHM on 9/18/67.

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Source observed that KING was very sensitive to the issue of SCLC activity in Atlanta and mentioned that he as well as SCLC could be easily embarrassed unless SCLC's activity in Atlanta is successful. In this connection KING mentioned his own relationship and that of his father, Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., with both the white and Negro leadership in Atlanta. He also stressed the fact that unless SCLC is successful in any undertaking in Atlanta the "Black Power" elements would benefit appreciably.

SCLC expects the benefit programs arranged by BELAFONTE to realize \$50,000 in contributions. For this reason, KING said SCLC would not undertake any particular activity in Atlanta prior to 11/1/67.

After the expiration of a reasonable period of time consistent with the security of [] Atlanta will take appropriate action to apprise pertinent local officials of the possibility of SCLC activity in Atlanta regarding police brutality, adequate school facilities, and housing.

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The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by NY 694-S*. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature. (S) U

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Atlanta, Georgia
September 21, 1967

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

During the latter part of September 1967 a confidential source advised he had learned that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held a retreat September 12, 1967, through September 17, 1967, at the Airlie House, Warrenton, Virginia. Participating in this retreat were the entire SCLC Executive Staff, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, Randolph T. Blackwell, former Program Director, SCLC, Stanley Levison, and Harry Wachtel. Lawrence D. Reddick participated on September 13, 1967.

At the retreat Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, chaired a committee, the purpose of which was to determine what activity SCLC should undertake in Atlanta, Georgia. Blackwell served as a member of this committee.

This committee recognized that the Negroes' basic problems in Atlanta are police brutality, adequate school facilities, and housing. It recommended that a program of civil disobedience be instituted if appropriate adequate attention to these problems is not shortly given by the City of Atlanta administration.

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Reverend KING expressed agreement with the committee's recommendation. He noted that the Negro leadership in Atlanta had recently requested SCLC to consider a "movement" in that city because this leadership feels a stalemate has been reached in its relations with the city administration. Reverend King cautioned, however, that great care must be exercised in Atlanta by SCLC because it will encounter opposition not only from the "White Power structure" but also from the substantial conservative Negro element in that community.

Reverend King went on to point out that SCLC activity in Atlanta should not be indulged in to any great extent until he is able to devote his full energy to it. He said he could not do this immediately because he will be involved in a series of SCLC benefit programs in various locations (not specified) throughout the country which are being arranged by Harry Belafonte. Reverend King also cautioned that premature SCLC activity in Atlanta might undermine financial contributions to SCLC which it is hoped will be realized from the aforementioned benefit programs.

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RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. LEVISON was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism. (S) u

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LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK

LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK is Professor of Social Sciences at Coppin State College, Baltimore, Maryland. He currently resides at 3704 Winterbourne Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

On September 17, 1943, a confidential source advised she had learned that Dr. REDDICK, who was then Director of the Schomburg Library, 103 W. 135th Street, New York City, was one of the most important unpublicized members of the Communist Party (CP). She stated that REDDICK seemed to be a source of information in regard to socialism and communism in the United States and the Soviet Union.

A confidential source on March 23, 1951, said that he met LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK in 1943, through EUGENE GORDON, a staff member of the "Daily Worker" and that both GORDON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS advised him that LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK was at that time a member of the CP. The source also said that REDDICK was an instructor at the George Washington Carver School.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper, which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

The George Washington Carver School has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On February 5 and 11, 1954, LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Atlanta, Georgia. He, at that time, stated that he was not, and had never been, a member of, or a sympathizer with, the Communist Party.

On January 21, 1964, a confidential source advised that on January 18, 1964, Dr. LAWRENCE REDDICK visited with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS at the home of JACOB GREEN, State Chairman of the CP in Maryland. During conversation between REDDICK and DAVIS, it was mentioned that they had attended school together in Georgia and REDDICK commented that if he had stayed with DAVIS, he would have also joined the CP.

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, a confidential source furnished information which revealed that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding HARRY WACHTEL's wife, LEONORA, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed her name and address were on a list of names of newly-elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee. (X) ✓

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him. (X) ✓

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read. 148 ✓

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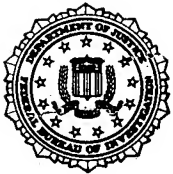
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Informant advised that the discussion referred to in the enclosed LHM in regard to the United States withdrawing from Viet Nam and avoiding future war did not specifically include or exclude a defensive war on the part of the United States. Informant was questioned in this regard and stated that in his opinion the consensus of thought on the part of most individuals present did not prevent the United States engaging in a defensive war.

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During the latter part of September 1967 a confidential source advised he had learned that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held a retreat September 12, 1967, through September 17, 1967, at the Airlie House, Warrenton, Virginia. Participating in this retreat were the entire SCLC Executive Staff, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, Randolph T. Blackwell, former Program Director, SCLC, Stanley Levison, and Harry Wachtel. Lawrence D. Reddick participated on September 13, 1967.

At this retreat, SCLC's participation in a program of civil disobedience related to the urgent needs of all minority groups in the United States was discussed. It was decided that commencing in the near future every opportunity will be utilized by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, and other members of SCLC to educate the public to the need of ghetto Negroes and other minority groups for employment or income and the vital urgency for the Congress of the United States to enact pertinent legislation. At the same time, emphasis will be placed upon the need of these people for appropriate housing

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and the desirability of the United States withdrawing from the war in Viet Nam and avoiding all war.

If by the Spring of 1968 (no date specified), Congress has not enacted legislation pertinent to the aforementioned issues a march on Washington, D. C., will be conducted and coordinated by SCLC. This march will be participated in by people from all impoverished areas throughout the United States with emphasis on those from Southern rural areas. Precise details pertaining to this march were not decided; however, it was decided that should this march fail to influence Congress to take the action desired then a program of massive civil disobedience will be conducted in five or six major cities (identity not known) simultaneously.

Reverend King and other officers of SCLC during this discussion stressed the fact that once SCLC embarks upon the aforementioned activities it must be completely successful therein otherwise its failure would constitute a substantial victory for those individuals and organizations currently advocating "Black Power".

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as SCLC's 10th anniversary convention. KING recently explained to several officers of SCLC the apparent confusion in terminology relating to these two conventions is possibly due to the fact that in one year (not specified) SCLC held two conventions. While the forthcoming convention might be considered as SCLC's 11th annual convention it is nevertheless being referred to as the organization's 10th anniversary convention.

With reference to SCLC's expectation of 1500 delegates to the forthcoming convention source advised several officers of SCLC have questioned whether delegates from the so-called grass roots areas possess sufficient funds to permit them to attend a four-day convention in Atlanta.

On 7/28/67 [] advised that other than the participation of RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL and CAROL HOOVER in the SCLC convention he had no knowledge that STANLEY LEVISON, HARRY WACHTEL, or other persons with CP connections have been invited or plan to attend the convention. Atlanta will be alert to the attendance of such individuals through [] and from information furnished by a reliable established source at the Marriott Motor Hotel, Atlanta. In regard to Paschal's Motor Hotel, Atlanta, this is an all Negro establishment and it is not considered prudent that we display any interest in the SCLC convention.

UACB, Atlanta sees no necessity for other divisions to specifically instruct any source or informant to attend the forthcoming SCLC convention; however, recipient offices who may have a source or informant who plans for other reasons to attend this convention are requested to promptly obtain pertinent information from such individuals and furnish same to the Bureau and Atlanta.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On July 28, 1967, a confidential source advised the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) will hold its 10th anniversary convention August 14-17, 1967, in Atlanta. Headquarters of the convention will be the Ebenezer Baptist Church of which Church Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, is Assistant Pastor. In addition, SCLC contemplates using facilities of the Regency Hyatt House Motel for its opening banquet, the Marriott Motor Hotel, and Paschal's Motor Hotel for conferences and meeting space as well as housing of delegates.

SCLC hopes that 1500 delegates will attend this convention with a substantial percentage thereof being "grass roots" delegates.

As of July 28, 1967, source advised many facets of the convention agenda had not been completely resolved by SCLC.

The July 30, 1967, edition of "The Atlanta Voice", weekly Atlanta Negro newspaper on page 16 published a full-page article entitled, "SCLC's 10th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta". This article related that Carol Hoover (Special Fund-raising Officer, SCLC) is serving as co-ordinator of the convention. Sidney Poitier, popular actor, will be the featured speaker at the opening banquet August 14, 1967, and Aretha Franklin, popular entertainer, will also appear at the banquet.

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On August 15, 1967, Texas State Senator Barbara Jordan, Houston, Texas, will address the convention following a session on civil rights and politics. Also speaking on the same topic on August 15, 1967, will be Louis Martin, Deputy Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Clarence Lee Townes, of the Republican National Committee, and William Pepper of the New Political Movement.

The keynote address of the convention will be delivered August 15, 1967, by Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, SCLC officer from Cincinnati, Ohio.

According to the article part of the convention program on August 16, 1967, will feature a panel on "business and economic development". Participating on this panel will be Cirilo A. McSween, Chicago, Illinois, businessman. Also participating will be Randolph T. Blackwell, former Program Director, SCLC, and currently an official of the Southern Rural Action Project, Atlanta.

On August 17, 1967, Maurice A. Dawkins, Assistant Director for Civil Rights, U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity, and British Social Economist Robert Theobald are scheduled to speak to the convention on "Approaches to poverty".

This article reflected the SCLC convention will be concluded on the evening of August 17, 1967, with a mass rally featuring Reverend King and Michigan Congressman John Conyers as main speakers.

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RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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CAROL HOOVER

A news item in "The Atlanta Daily World" (an Atlanta, Georgia daily Negro newspaper), dated May 21, 1965, titled "Albany 'Justice' Assailed" datelined Hapeville, Georgia, sets forth information regarding a semi-annual board meeting of the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF) held in Hapeville during the previous weekend. The article reports that Miss CAROL HOOVER, Atlanta, Georgia, an administrative assistant at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was one of four new members added to the board of SCEF at this meeting.

A characterization of the SCEF is attached hereto.

On August 22, 1964, CAROL HOOVER of SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, told STANLEY LEVISON she was glad to have seen him at a party the previous Wednesday, according to a confidential source.

She also asked LEVISON for a financial contribution to the campaign fund of DONALD L. HOLLOWELL who was running for Judge of the Superior Court, Atlanta, Georgia.

LEVISON advised HOOVER that in response to her request he had contributed \$50.

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. LEVISON was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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1 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party Functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

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A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 8, 1966, that during the time that the SCHW was in existence members of the Communist Party were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF, Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

CARL BRADEN and ANNE BRADEN, Director and Associate Director respectively of the SCEF, were identified by ALBERTA AHEARN, 2311 Payne, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, on December 13, 1954, in her testimony in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Court in the prosecution of CARL BRADEN under a state sedition statute as members of the Communist Party in Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

A third source advised on May 28, 1965, that GEORGE MEYERS, a Communist Party functionary, expressed great admiration for CARL and ANNE BRADEN and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that the SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 8, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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May 17, 1967
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About three weeks ago, SCLC reimbursed Randolph T. Blackwell for a plane ticket to New York and return. Further circumstances regarding this are not known.

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TRAIN. NEEDY WORKERS**Taliaferro Negroes
Build Shirt Plant**

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ga. (UPI)—Taliaferro County Negroes were told it couldn't be done—but they set out nevertheless to build an apparel plant of crude materials and with unskilled hands.

They want to prove something to themselves and to people in similar poverty pockets throughout the rural South. They want to prove they can become self-sustaining.

Their "plant" is an old, hand-hewn log building near here that was built by Taliaferro Negroes before the State of Georgia provided them with a school and before the federal government told them they could go to the white school.

The project got under way last fall through grants from the Southern Rural Action Project, part of the Citizens' Crusade Against Poverty, a group headed by church, civic and labor officials. An earlier project, begun with grants from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, limped along for about six months before it collapsed.

A Roswell, Ga., textile industry veteran, Van Bible, has been hired as consultant-director for the undertaking.

Bible, the only white person involved, said his first reaction on seeing the facilities available for the non-profit operation was dismay.

"We'll never set up a plant here," he said then.

But Bible said he did not account for one factor—determination—and that made the difference.

"Pretty soon the place was all fixed up," he said. "Ever since then, it has been kept so clean you could eat off the floor . . . I have never seen such enthusiasm. Half of them won't quit when time for a coffee break comes."

Bible's job was to teach unskilled Negroes to operate sewing machines. He reported, after three weeks of training, the plant was able to fill small orders for shirts.

The project director, Randolph T. Blackwell of Atlanta, a Negro said the plant is aimed at helping Negroes as well as the entire community.

Blackwell said he hopes similar projects will be started in other poverty-ridden communities — one of which is all-white in north Georgia.

Both Blackwell and Bible said the Taliaferro experiment, if successful, will prove the "unemployable" can be productive.

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The Atlanta
Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.

Date: 5-24-67

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Editor: Eugene Patterson

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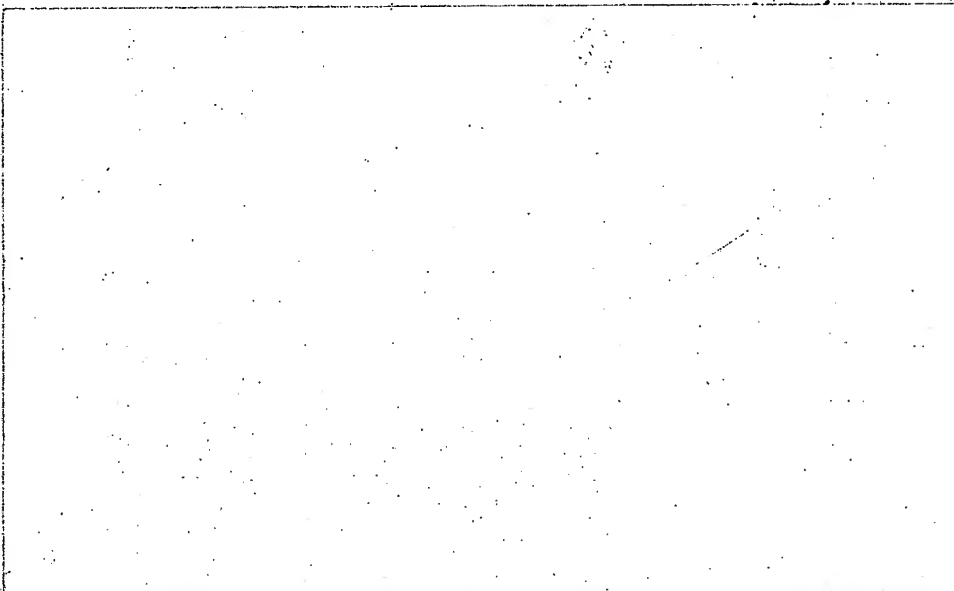
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Atlanta, Georgia

During the conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held 3/9-10/67 in Atlanta it was noted that Randolph Blackwell, Carol Hoover, Cordy T. Vivian and Stanley Levison while in attendance did not take a particularly active part in the conference proceedings. This was especially noticed in the case of Levison who in the past has participated to an appreciable extent in similar type conferences.

Levison left the conference during the early part of the afternoon of 3/10/67 indicating only he had a plane reservation to catch.



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- 1- 100-5586 (M. L. KING, JR.)
- 1- 157-621 (ANDREW YOUNG)
- 1- 157-257 (RALPH ABERNATHY)
- 1- 157-639 (DOROTHY COTTON)
- 1- 157-653 (BERNARD LEE)
- 1- 157-660 (CAROL HOOVER)
- 1- 157-1323 (MEW SOONG-LI)
- 1- 157-2400 (THOMAS OFFENBURGER)
- 1- 157-643 (FRED BENNETTE)
- 1- 157-895 (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
- 1- 157-1544 (STONE COOKS)
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Individuals attending a conference of the
Southern Christian Leadership Conference held 3/9-10/67
in Atlanta are as follows:

Dr. King
Andrew Young
Ralph Abernathy
Dorothy Cotton
Bernard Lee
Stanley Levison
Carol Hoover
Mew Soong-Li
Thomas Offenburg
Fred Bennett
Hosea Williams
Stoney Cooks
TyTy Rogers
Randolph Blackwell
Jesse Jackson
James Lawson
Albert Turner

C. T. Vivian attended on 3/9/67. Benjamin
Hooks, Albert Raby, and Joseph Lowery attended on 3/10/67.

One Al Duckett attended the conference and in
introducing him Dr. King indicated he was connected with a
New York publishing firm, was in town to see him on business,
and that he had asked Duckett to sit in the meeting.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, for Detroit one, and for New York four, of LHM.

Source referred to is [REDACTED]

Sources used to characterize RANDOLPH BLACKWELL are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Sources used to characterize HARRY WACHTEL are [REDACTED] and an anonymous source of WFO set out in report of SA JOHN J. WALSH, 7/19/50 at WFO re "NLG; IS - C". Source used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is NY 694-S*.

Source furnished the information referred to in the enclosed LHM on 3/21/67 and advised KING's statements were made on that date at a meeting of the SCLC Executive Staff.

On this occasion KING said that BLACKWELL, GREEN, and YOUNG should meet in New York City with WACHTEL and LEVISON during the next two weeks (i.e. two weeks commencing 3/21/67).

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 - (1 - 100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL)
- ⑦- Atlanta (1 - 100-6670)
 - (1 - 100-5718)
 - (1 - 100-5586) (M. L. KING, JR.)
 - [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 157-621) (ANDREW J. YOUNG)
 - (1 - 157-1343) (ROBERT GREEN)
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The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by NY 694-S*. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.



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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On March 21, 1967, a confidential source advised he had learned that during the latter part of March, 1967, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), had requested Andrew J. Young, Executive Assistant to the President, SCLC, Randolph T. Blackwell, former Program Director, SCLC, and Robert L. Green, former Director of Citizenship School, SCLC, to serve as a committee for the purpose of soliciting financial aid for SCLC from various foundations which are in existence, such as the Marshal Field Foundation and Rockefeller Brothers Foundation.

Reverend King said this committee should confer in the near future with Harry Wachtel and Stanley Levison in order to determine what foundations should be contacted.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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STANLEY LEVISON

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, a confidential source furnished information which revealed that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding HARRY WACHTEL's wife, LEONORA, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed her name and address were on a list of names of newly-elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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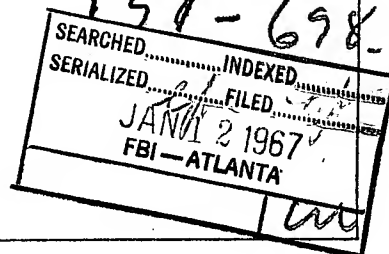
Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM, with copies as indicated for Atlanta and Washington Field.

This LHM is being submitted pursuant to request in referenced Atlanta airtel. For the information of Washington Field, referenced Chicago letter contains essentially the same information concerning BLACKWELL as set out in the enclosed.

The first source who furnished the substantive information concerning BLACKWELL is [REDACTED] PRI. [REDACTED] learned this information from ANDREW YOUNG while in Washington, D.C., on 12/15/66.

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The second source is [REDACTED] and, because of the use of this sensitive source, the LHM is being classified confidential so as not to compromise his security. This source enjoys an extremely delicate relationship with the SCLC.

The sources used in the characterization of BLACKWELL are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], referred to in the enclosed as the third and fourth sources, respectively.



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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 20, 1966, that Randolph Blackwell is now understood to be employed by the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty (CCAP), in Washington, D.C. Blackwell was formerly Program Director for the SCLC in the Atlanta Headquarters of the SCLC.

In a recent conversation with an individual currently in an executive position with the SCLC, the above source learned that Blackwell is considered to have "sold out the SCLC." It was stated that, while employed by the SCLC, Blackwell had prepared a program for assisting southern Negroes, under the sponsorship of the SCLC, then had approached CCAP and sold them this plan.

In connection with the above, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 30, 1966, that Blackwell had commenced a one year leave of absence on August 15, 1966, from the SCLC. This second source advised that he had recently observed correspondence to the SCLC from Blackwell on letterhead of the Southern Rural Action Project of the CCAP, 50 Whitehall Street, NE (Suite 817), Atlanta, Georgia. This letterhead listed Randolph Blackwell as Project Director.

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**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
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In connection with Randolph Blackwell, the following is set forth:

A third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in February, 1953, that Randolph Blackwell was known to have been a member of the Communist Party - USA in the District of Columbia.

A fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in August, 1950, that Randolph Blackwell had attended a convention in August, 1950, of the Labor Youth League in Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)

① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)

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At the present time the debt of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is approximately \$33,000. The apparent rise of \$20,000 in the old debt came from the \$9,000 amount owed to the New York Office for mail appeals sent out, for the month of November and perhaps some of October. Also \$3,000 of this is owed from an old bill which had not come to light, a printing bill connected with the Chicago rally. Also \$6,000 was for a bill incurred by Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell with the Fred Case Supply Company in New York. This was for office in approximately March, 1966.

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Date: 1/6/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

RE: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D).

Re Chicago letter to Bureau 1/3/67 setting forth information recently received from [REDACTED] - R(Prob).

In connection with the reported comments of ANDREW J. YOUNG on 12/15/66 concerning RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, former Program Director, SCLC, [REDACTED] on 8/15/66 advised on that date BLACKWELL commenced a one year leave of absence from SCLC.

On 11/30/66 [REDACTED] advised that during the latter part of November, 1966, he observed correspondence from BLACKWELL directed to an employee of SCLC. This correspondence was prepared on letterhead of the Southern Rural Action Project of the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty, 50 Whitehall Street, N. E. (Suite 817), Atlanta. This letterhead listed RANDOLPH BLACKWELL as Project Director.

In view of the previous CP affiliation of BLACKWELL and his former association with SCLC, it is suggested if not already done that Chicago consider setting forth in a LHM the gist of YOUNG's comments on 12/15/66 regarding BLACKWELL. A characterization of BLACKWELL is available to Chicago in prior Atlanta communications pertaining to captioned matter.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (RM)
- ③ - Atlanta
 - (1 - 100-5718)
 - ① - 157-698 (RANDOLPH BLACKWELL)
 - (1 - 157-621) (ANDREW YOUNG)

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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

AT 100-5718

For the information of Chicago in connection with its dealings with [] and possible future contacts by him of ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Director, SCLC, it is noted that [] has previously advised that YOUNG is a very intelligent individual and extremely capable in the important position he has held for an appreciable time with SCLC. However, informant has further advised that in his personal opinion, YOUNG is an opportunist, extremely crafty, calculating and one who finds it easy to lay principal aside in order to obtain an objective. Despite the fact YOUNG is reportedly a member of the clergy, former Atlanta highly confidential sources have previously indicated []

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 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)
 RE: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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 (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

The following is set forth at this time purely for the Bureau's information. It is felt the material set forth is of interest inasmuch as it, in conjunction with information of a similar nature obtained in the future, may serve as a point of origin for possible counterintelligence action.

[redacted] has previously advised that from time to time a comment (or lack thereof) on the part of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, SCLC, or RALPH ABERNATHY, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC, suggests a degree of animosity, lack of cooperation or mutual thought between or on the part of KING and ABERNATHY.

Such matters, informant explained, are noticed by him because he normally would expect KING and ABERNATHY by virtue of their respective positions in SCLC to support each other. In this connection, it is noted that so far as SCLC is concerned, ABERNATHY is considered to be KING's successor in the event KING becomes incapacitated.

3 - Bureau (RM)
 ⑦ - Atlanta (1 - 100-5718)
 (1 - 100-6670D)

(1 - 100-5586) (M. L. King, Jr.)
 (1 - 157-257) (Ralph Abernathy)
 (1 - 157-973) (Junius Griffin)
 ① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)

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AT 100-5718

On 12/21/66, informant advised a meeting of the SCLC Steering Committee was held on 12/19/66. During this meeting KING briefly referred to his appearance the preceeding week in Washington, D. C. before a Senate Sub-Committee regarding housing matters and said during his appearance ABERNATHY directed a telegram from SCLC to the President urging the Federal Government take action on housing matters. At this point in the meeting ABERNATHY was not present. KING emphatically stated this telegram was "unauthorized" and indicated the lack of judgement exercised in directing this telegram could have placed him in an embarrassing position.

JUNIUS GRIFFIN, Director of Public Relations and Office Administrator, SCLC, commented to the effect that ABERNATHY probably sent this telegram at the insistence of RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL. BLACKWELL, formerly SCLC Program Director, is currently Project Director of the Southern Rural Action Project of the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty in Atlanta.

Informant advised no further discussion of the above took place on 12/19/66.

SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

12/22/66

SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA

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On 11/30/66, [] advised that during the latter part of November, 1966 he had occasion to observe the letterhead of the Southern Rural Action Project of the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty, 50 Whitehall Street, N. E. (suite 817), Atlanta. This letterhead listed RANDOLPH BLACKWELL as Project Director.

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① - 157-698 (RANDOLPH BLACKWELL)

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1 - 157-257 (R. Abernathy)
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On 11/14/66, during the SCLC Executive Staff meeting when discussing activities in Chicago, Dr. King commented to the effect we must leave Chicago with a good image. He made an identical comment several weeks ago. The reasoning behind this comment is not known. There has been no known discussion regarding it by the Executive Staff. On 11/14/66 Dr. King complained that in the past Blackwell had always been reluctant to go to Chicago and that Ralph Abernathy had not expressed any interest.

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1 - 100-5536 (M. L. King, Jr.)
1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
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It is believed at this time that Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell is heading a program called the Southern Rural Project. The home base of this program is in Atlanta, Georgia.

Harry Boyte is working for the Office of Economic Opportunity. The exact nature of Harry Boyte's job is not known at this time. This job is located here in Atlanta.

Dr. King said on 9/19/66 that he had helped Harry Boyte to get this job but did not say in what manner.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Changes in SCLC officers</u>		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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- 1 - 100-5586 (M. L. King, Jr.)
- 1 - 157-973 (Junius Griffin)
- ① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 157-639 (Dorothy Cotton)
- 1 - 157-895 (Hosea Williams)
- 1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
- 1 - 157-644 (Harry Boyte)
- 1 - 157-1323 (Mew Soong Li)
- 1 - 100-6737 (Rachael DuBois)
- 1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)

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On 8/30/66, Dr. King called a meeting of the clerical staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and announced three appointments to new positions. One was James Harrison to the position of comptroller for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Also, the position of Administrator held by Junius Griffin. The position of administrator entails part of the job that Randolph T. Blackwell once held. That is that he is in charge of the total office staff at the home office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. At present, Mr. Junius Griffin is still in charge of the public relations department. It was also announced that Mrs. Dorothy Cotton would be head of the field staff, meaning affiliates and other parts of the organization. This does not mean that she is in direct control of Mr. Hosea Williams' voter registration staff. As the organization's chart now stands, James Bevel is the field director of field personnel of the Chicago movement; Hosea Williams is in charge of the Southern Field Staff, as well as voter registration, Junius Griffin is the office administrator; Mrs. Dorothy Cotton is in charge of affiliates and also operation breadbasket and other programs of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The Dialogue program of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has not yet been disbanded. It is noticed that Harry Boyte has resigned, Mew Soong Li and Rachel DuBois are still members of the Dialogue department.

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1 - 157-698 (Harry Boyte)
① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
1 - 157-1199 (Zernona Clayton)
1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
1 - 157-658 (Ed Clayton)

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At the present time it is not known who will assume the position formerly held by Harry Boyte. It is not known what Boyte is currently doing or for whom Blackwell is working.

During the past weekend, Edward Clayton died. Exact details surrounding his death are not known.

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- 1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
- 1 - 100-6670 (CIRM)
- 1 - 100-5586 (M. L. King, Jr.)
- 1 - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)

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In an SCLC Steering Committee meeting held on August 15, 1966, Dr. King mentioned that SCLC would shortly receive approximately \$7,000 from the American Foundation on Non-Violence. He also mentioned that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will receive from Mississippi \$2,000 refund on bail bond money.

Dr. King mentioned that two extra people will be hired; one to replace Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell as Program Director. It is rumored that the second person will be in a secretarial capacity to Dr. King to answer his correspondence. He did not mention the name of any of the two people that he planned to hire.

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Brief description of activity or material Info re C. T. Vivian and SCLC		

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1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)
1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
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On 8/15/66, C. T. Vivian phoned James Harrison at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Office in the morning. He said he had a car that he was purchasing from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and that he was having trouble getting license plates for the car. The reason for this was that the registration of the car is in the name of Mr. James Brown. Mr. James Brown cannot be found according to Vivian. He said that Mr. Blackwell made a concerted effort to find James Brown and was unable to locate him. It so happens that James Brown has the registration papers to the car; therefore, C. T. Vivian cannot get license plates for the car. He said rather than pay for a car that he cannot use he had rather bring the car back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)
1 - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
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Dr. King consulted with James Harrison on the payroll while at the Steering Committee meeting, 8/15/66. He asked whether or not Randolph T. Blackwell, had been paid for this pay period. Harrison replied in the negative, that he had not been paid. He also inquired as to Harry Boyte's check. Harrison replied that Harry Boyte had written a memorandum to him saying that his resignation would be rendered as of August 5, 1966 and that he would like to be paid as of that date. Dr. King agreed that he should be paid as of August 5, 1966.

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Brief description of activity or material Info re SCLC Convention		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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The 10th Annual SCLC Convention, 8/8 - 11/66 in Jackson, Mississippi, got underway with a banquet on the evening of 8/8/66 which was addressed by Senator EDWARD KENNEDY of Massachusetts. CORDY T. VIVIAN served as toastmaster at this banquet.

During the convention, RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL participated in a panel on 8/9/66. The nature of this panel and any details concerning it is not known.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

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Re Buffalo letter to Bureau dated 6/9/66 captioned "JOHN MAX PRAED, IS - AUSTRALIA" and LHM of same date captioned "JOHN MAX PRAED."

Referenced letter, on page 1, sets forth the name MARGARET MC CLURE, Atlanta, Ga. and telephone number 758-8297.

The current Atlanta Suburban Directory reflects one Mrs. MARGARET B. MC CLURE (widow of WILLIAM R. MC CLURE) to reside 2281 Sanford Road, Decatur, Ga., and to be employed as office manager, Multiple Listing Service (real estate), 3130 Maple Drive, N. E., Atlanta.

Atlanta telephone number 758-8297 is reflected to be listed to DELMA N. PARMER, 884 Oak Hill Avenue, S. W., Atlanta, whose employment is indicated to be an assembler with the ITE Circuit Breaker Company, Atlanta.

Atlanta indices reflect no identifiable reference to MARGARET B. MC CLURE and no reference to WILLIAM R. MC CLURE or DELMA N. PARMER.

The last item set forth on page 1 of referenced letter refers to the street address and telephone number of the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Buffalo (105-) (JOHN MAX PRAED) (RM)
- ② - Atlanta (1 - 100-5718)
- ① - 157-698 (R. T. BLACKWELL)

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AT 100-5718

The name R. T. BLACKWELL, appearing on page 2 of referenced letter, obviously refers to RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, who served as Program Director, SCLC, until 8/15/66 when he commenced a year's leave of absence from SCLC.

A characterization of BLACKWELL is attached hereto.

The sources used in the attached characterization are [redacted] and [redacted] respectively, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past.

ADDENDUM

Referenced letter is serial 3858 of 100-5718.

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RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Brief description of activity or material Info re SCLC personnel		
Remarks: No further action.		

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1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
1 - 157-621 (Andrew J. Young)
1 - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
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Atlanta, Georgia
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In a conversation on 8/1/66 via phone between Andy Young and Loraine Johnson, he asked her for any suggestions of people who were not up to par in performance that she might suggest be dropped from subsistence.

It is noted as of 8/1/66 that Randolph T. Blackwell was no longer on the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.